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SEX, DRUGS, ROBBERY ON THE RISE

An analysis of 2009 campus crime rates

BY RYAN BURKEY
contributing writer

In accordance with the Clery Act of 1990, EWU Police have released their Annual Safety and Fire Report for the year 2009.

The results are mixed.

The report shows a significant decrease in alcohol arrests. Ninety-one cases were handled in 2007, and only 45 in 2008. Last year, that number dropped to 37.

Burglary has seen a dramatic drop from 2007, during which 21 cases were reported. Only nine cases were reported in 2009, an increase from seven in 2008.

Speeding citations also saw a massive decline. More than 100 citations were issued in 2007, 29 issued in 2008 and 21 in 2009.

"We always see a spike in drug use until people realize we are willing to write a search warrant," said EWU Deputy Police Chief Gary Gasseling.

Through all these statistics, Gasseling concludes that, "There's no real way to pattern it."

The Deputy Chief expressed concern about the crease in forcible sex offenses, but stressed that Eastern's campus is still a safe place. He pointed out that campus police cannot be everywhere at all times and students need to make prudent decisions that lower the risk of an attack.

"Walking alone [at night] is the worst thing a woman can do on this campus," Gasseling said.

When walking around campus at night, it's best to stick with the buddy system. Walkers should always be alert and know their surroundings.

If students feel uncomfortable walking alone at night, they can call EWU Police and ask for an escort.

"Don't be afraid to call us," Gasseling said.

Reaching the community

As part of a large-scale effort to reduce crime and protect students, campus police are getting the word out about staying safe.

Since January 2010, the police have reached 7,000 people, either through events with fraternities and sororities, courses such as the self-defense class, the "Shots Fired" video that is regularly shown to students and staff at orientation. In all, police have logged more than 200 hours working on community outreach.

The police also use mass e-mails, phone trees and the alerts texting program to keep students aware of campus danger. Their next goal is to install a more robust security camera system. The current system has only a few cameras scattered around campus.

Among students, the feeling is that campus is generally safe.

"[I feel] really safe. There are always people walking around at nearly any time of day, and you pretty much can't drive anywhere without seeing a cop car," said Megan Bawden, a senior Philosophy and English major.

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DRUG ARRESTS

2007: 12
2008: 19

2009:
45

SEX OFFENSES

2007: 1
2008: 4

2009:
5

ROBBERIES

2007: 0
2008: 0

2009:
3

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Recruit shot leaving party

Kentridge HS graduate
signed letter of intent to
play football for Eastern

BY DUSTIN TOMS
managing/sports editor

Devin Topps, an EWU football recruit, was murdered on Sunday night in Kent, Wash.

Topps was involved in a verbal exchange as he was leaving a Halloween party. The incident quickly grew out of hand and led to a handgun being drawn. Police say that several shots were fired and Topps was hit at least once.

Scott Leeson, one of Topps' neighbors, says he ran to the victim's side as he was lying on the street.

"I held his head, and he died in my arms pretty much," Leeson told KOMO news in Seattle. "I got young kids, now there's a mom without a son, a dad without a son, siblings, all over something stupid."

The 18-year-old graduate of Kentridge High School signed his national letter of intent with Eastern's football team but was unable to play due to academically ineligibility. He played safety and fullback.

Topps was working on getting his grades back up to become eligible to play next season.

"It was a tragic situation," football Head Coach Beau Baldwin said. "There are some guys on the team that knew Devin well and some coaches on staff who developed relationships with him through recruiting."

Aallyah Topps, Devin's cousin, told KOMO news that the incident was not an accident. Police are currently looking for two or more males of Asian or Hispanic descent.

"We can't be anymore saddened," said Bill Chaves, EWU athletic director. "Obviously our prayers go out to Devin's family. It's a senseless loss of life."

Big Sky adds two schools

BY DUSTIN TOMS
managing/sports editor

The Big Sky Conference (BSC) will add two more schools in 2012 after Southern Utah University (SUU) and the University of North Dakota accepted invitations to join the league Monday.

"I think [the new teams] bode well for the Big Sky in the long term. You're always trying to forecast what's in the best interest for your conference," Bill Chaves, EWU athletics director said.

Cal Poly and UC Davis (UCD) agreed in September to affiliate with Big Sky football. Big Sky officials said that the University of South Dakota is also close to becoming a core member.

If USD officially becomes part of the Big Sky, it will give the conference 12 core members for sports outside of football, which would have 14 teams.

"I think it strengthens our conference, and in the long run, it's just going to enhance an already strong conference," football Head Coach Beau Baldwin said.

Teams will likely be divided into two separate, 7-team divisions in football. The split is baked on teams' geographic location, but nothing has been set in stone according to Chaves.

With the possible division amongst the teams, travelling distances would decrease significantly, lowering costs.

North Dakota made the jump to the BSC to help promote their football program. According to Brian Faison, the school's athletic director, being able to advance to post season play in football would enhance how the team plays and recruits.

"We're excited about the opportunity to become a member of a high profile conference that's had a great history of sports excellence and looking forward to being a part of it and contributing to it," Faison said.

High school tests net college credit

Two programs provide future college students opportunity for comparatively cheap credit

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

Before students enter college, they may take Advanced Placement (AP) classes to earn college credit along with International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, which "help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world," according to www.ibo.org.

AP classes are taken in high school. Thirty AP classes are available, some of which include Calculus, European History, Music Theory and Studio Art.

Based on their AP exam scores, students can receive both college credit and advanced placement from more than 90 percent of four-year universities in the U.S. and from colleges in more than 60 countries.

"AP courses can help [students]

ADVANCED PLACEMENT QUICK FACTS

- Most popular test in 2008 was United States history
- College Board, a non-profit group, has run the AP since 1955
- Least taken test is Italian Language and Culture
- Exams in the 2011 session will cost \$85
- A score of 3 or higher will appear as "CR" on a transcript

acquire the skills and habits [they will] need to be successful in college. [Students will] improve writing skills, sharpen problem-solving abilities, and develop time management skills, discipline and study habits," according to the College Board website.

In most cases, a score of three or better on the AP Exam will earn a stu-

dent credit or advanced placement. Five credits are usually awarded for scores of three or more, though in several cases, a score of three, four or five will earn students 10 to 15 credits.

Patty Rockwell, assistant director of EWU General Undergraduate Academic Advising, said, "If [students] are up for the challenge of AP coursework

and the corresponding test, [their scores] can potentially give them college credit or higher placements."

After taking an AP exam, students can request that their scores be sent to EWU admissions where they will be evaluated and posted on a student's transcript if credit is earned.

With three stages of academic programs, IB classes are offered to students ages 3 to 19.

The Diploma Programme, aimed at students ages 16 to 19, is designed to prepare students for academic success when enrolled at a university, as well as for life after graduation.

Normally taught over two years, the Programme requires students to study six courses at either the higher or standard level.

Students must study a variety of

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THE POLICE BEAT JUST THE FACTS

Oct. 21 - Oct. 24

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

10/21 – Officers arrested a student attempting to read scriptures to the Westboro Baptist Church. The student evaded police blockades and attempted to reach the protestors by running through a Cheney resident's back yard. Police arrested the student for trespassing.

10/22 7:20 p.m. – After the homecoming parade, an EWU police officer noticed an old music department van used by the marching band with doors open after hitting two parked vehicles. The officer gave the necessary information to all parties involved.

10/22 10:03 p.m. – An officer made a routine traffic stop when a car sped through a 25 mph zone going 35 mph. He discovered 60 cans of beer and a large bottle of vodka in the back of

the car. Since the occupants were underage, they were referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR).

10/23 11:23 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical call describing a foreign exchange student showing symptoms of an allergic reaction to shrimp. After examination, the paramedics determined she did not need medical attention.

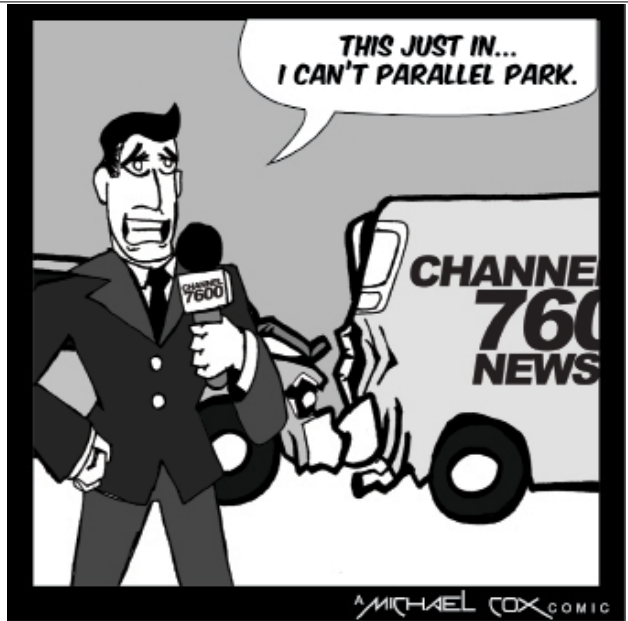
10/23 1:30 p.m. – Officers spotted a young male urinating in public, and upon contact, they realized he was under the influence of alcohol. He had been arrested previously for an MIP and was cited on this occasion as well. His blood-alcohol content was .162.

10/23 8:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of marijuana being consumed in Brewster Hall. The resident of the room, and the two other juveniles who were visiting, were all

cited for marijuana possession. Police notified the parents of the juveniles, and one mother came to retrieve her son. After searching the room, the officer found empty beer cans as well as several boxes of Coricidin, which contains Dextromethorphan, a hallucinogen suspected of being used for getting high. The student was referred to the OSRR.

10/24 12:36 a.m. – An officer encountered two intoxicated nonstudents near the visitors center whose blood-alcohol content was .20. The officer transported them to the Holiday Inn where they were staying and contacted the student whom they were visiting. The occupant of the room did not respond but was said to also be highly intoxicated.

10/24 11:48 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical call regarding a person suffering from alcohol consumption. They were not transported to the hospital.



10/23 1:47 p.m. - An Eastern police officer witnessed a news van back into a vehicle while attempting to park at the Sacramento State University game. There was enough damage to require a collision report.

Faculty grants foster students success, promotes research

BY DYLAN COIL
staff writer

Campus organizations requested additional funding at the office of Grants and Research Development's annual open house, where emphasis was given to Engineering, Science, Math and Technology.

Funds allocated to the university organizations directly contribute to the educational resources students take advantage of on a daily basis.

"Originally we started [the open house] to try to meet new faculty and have them come over and tell us what they might be interested in in terms of research, and then helping them find funding," said Ruth Galm, executive director of Office of Grants and Research Development.

The Office of Grants and Research Development, centrally located in Showalter Hall, is the only office responsible for informing organizations on grants and awards.

This year's open house welcomed faculty and staff from all departments, but emphasized further funding for science, mathematics, technology and engineering needs.

"[Engineering, science, math and technology are areas] that the federal

Grant Money Eastern Recieved 2009-2010		
July 2009		\$3,792,275
August		946,951
September		3,098,208
October		147,847
November		603,549
December		73,181
January 2010		\$588,633
February		505,982
March		367,107
April		329,062
May		2,426,146
June		978,222
Total Received July 2009-June 2010:		\$13,857,162
July		1,222,891
August		5,283,423
September		821,456
October		848,739
Total Received July-October 2010:		\$9,144,187

Easterner Graphics

government feels is very important for the economy and the improvement of the economy of the United States," President Rodolfo Arévalo said.

Archaeological and Historical Services is another program that has received large amounts of grants and awards. Since the beginning of this fiscal year, the program has received more than \$1 million.

The majority of grants and awards come from the federal government with small amounts coming from the state level and private organizations like the Gates Foundation.

"Ultimately, faculty are the ones who have to initiate and have an interest in a particular subject matter. From my perspective and from the Provost's perspective, it's important for more of

our faculty to be engaged in research," Arévalo said.

He also said that the state's budget is not extensive enough for the needs of the university — which is why it is necessary to seek external funding. Also, most of the money coming from the state level is "programmatically" directed while the federal budget is larger and appropriates more specific demands.

"The way students can take advantage of our services is to be linked to a faculty member who is applying, and we try to encourage faculty when they're submitting grants to build student opportunities into their projects," Galm said.

Services provided by the program include helping recipients decipher regulations for the particular grant or award they are applying for. This equates to aiding faculty with writing proposals, developing budgets and researching agency grants from the past.

Galm said that the success rate hovers around 40 to 50 percent and students are direct beneficiaries of efforts put forth by faculty and staff. Recently, the Robert Noyce scholarship program contributed more than \$1 million to be used over five years. This program will provide scholarships to students who want to teach science and math.

REPORT from front page

A fellow senior, Elli McHugh, a Business Management major, agrees that campus is relatively quiet.

"I feel like we're a small enough campus that [crime] isn't a problem," McHugh said.

But security is something that affects

both female and male students.

Joey Malave, a junior English major, admits that he feels uneasy walking alone at night.

"I feel pretty safe on campus during the day, but at night, a little nervous if I'm alone. Sounds a little weird, but it's true," Malave said.

'A community effort'

In part, making smart choices leads to reducing crime. Part of it is keeping eyes open for crime or suspicious activity.

"What it comes down to is people on the street," Gasseling said.

He said students and staff on campus act as "force multipliers," or extra sets of eyes. Gasseling reminds students to call the police if they witness a crime or feel uncomfortable about a situation.

To report suspicious activity, call (509) 359-6300 or go to EWU Police headquarters at the Red Barn. To report information related to a crime, call the anonymous tip line at (509) 359-4286.

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If you find any errors in your paper, contact our news editor at [easterner.news@gmail.com](mailto:news@gmail.com).

GREEN DOT SPOT

Part of doing a green dot is recognizing a red dot situation. How much do you know about sexual assault assailants? Choose "a" or "b." Which profile best describes the person most likely to perpetrate a rape on campus?

a. He is a loner who hangs out at the back of the

room, and watches until his victim leaves the bar. He then follows her before attacking her. In general, he's a creepy guy who cannot have a woman otherwise.

b. He chooses his victim in a social setting where she is comfortable and she feels flattered by his attention. He is

commentary by victim advocate Karen Wanjico

well liked by men and women. He could have lots of women. He tests her boundaries, and when he is sure she is a good choice, he asks her to leave with him and she does.

If you said "a" you are not alone. But if you chose "b," you correctly identified the person who is most likely to

commit a rape on campus. Here are some of his other characteristics:

It cannot be stressed enough: most men do not sexually assault women. Estimates are that less than 5 percent of men do this. But those who rape often have multiple victims. We need to

understand what we are looking for so we don't identify the wrong person as posing the risk. It is not enough to know the profile of a rapist, we must be able to recognize him in action, and that is what next week's article will cover. If you want to learn more, please call the Advocate at 359.6429.

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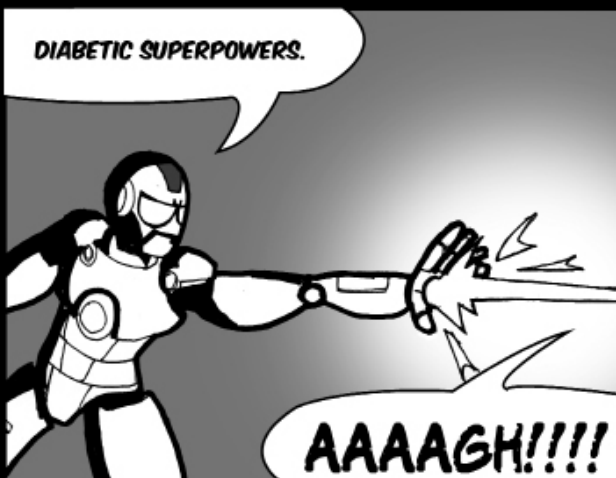
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COMMON SENSE



BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

Six reasons that people crash their vehicles

According to *sixwise.com*, there are six main reasons for most car accidents: distracted drivers, driver fatigue, drunk driving, speeding, aggressive driving and weather. While these things may be responsible for most car accidents, I think they could have consolidated the first five into one category: stupidity.

Driving a car isn't like riding your bike: In a car, the driver controls a heavy object that could potentially take lives. This means those behind the wheel accept the responsibility for not only every daring soul who chooses to be a passenger, but also the innocent people driving their cars at the same time.

The stupidity listed on *sixwise.com* ranges from anything as small as leaving your signal on for 10 miles after changing lanes to something as big as sending an e-mail while driving down I-90.

Probably the most ridiculous driver, however, is a fatigued one. Everyone can recognize fatigue, so why not just pull over and take a nap?

According to *safety.com*, "Studies show that staying awake for 18 hours and driving produces the same effect as being legally drunk behind the wheel." Considering people go to jail for driving while legally drunk, it probably isn't the best idea to drive while sleep deprived either.

I'm going to skip over drunk driving and go straight to speeding and aggressive driving. I am combining the two for a couple of reasons. I view speeding as going hand-in-hand with aggressive driving, and I'm guilty of both. I am an incessant speeder. I really don't even have to be in a hurry to go anywhere; I'll speed anyway. And I tend to drive like I write — very aggressively. However, that does not take away from the fact that I think both are stupid.

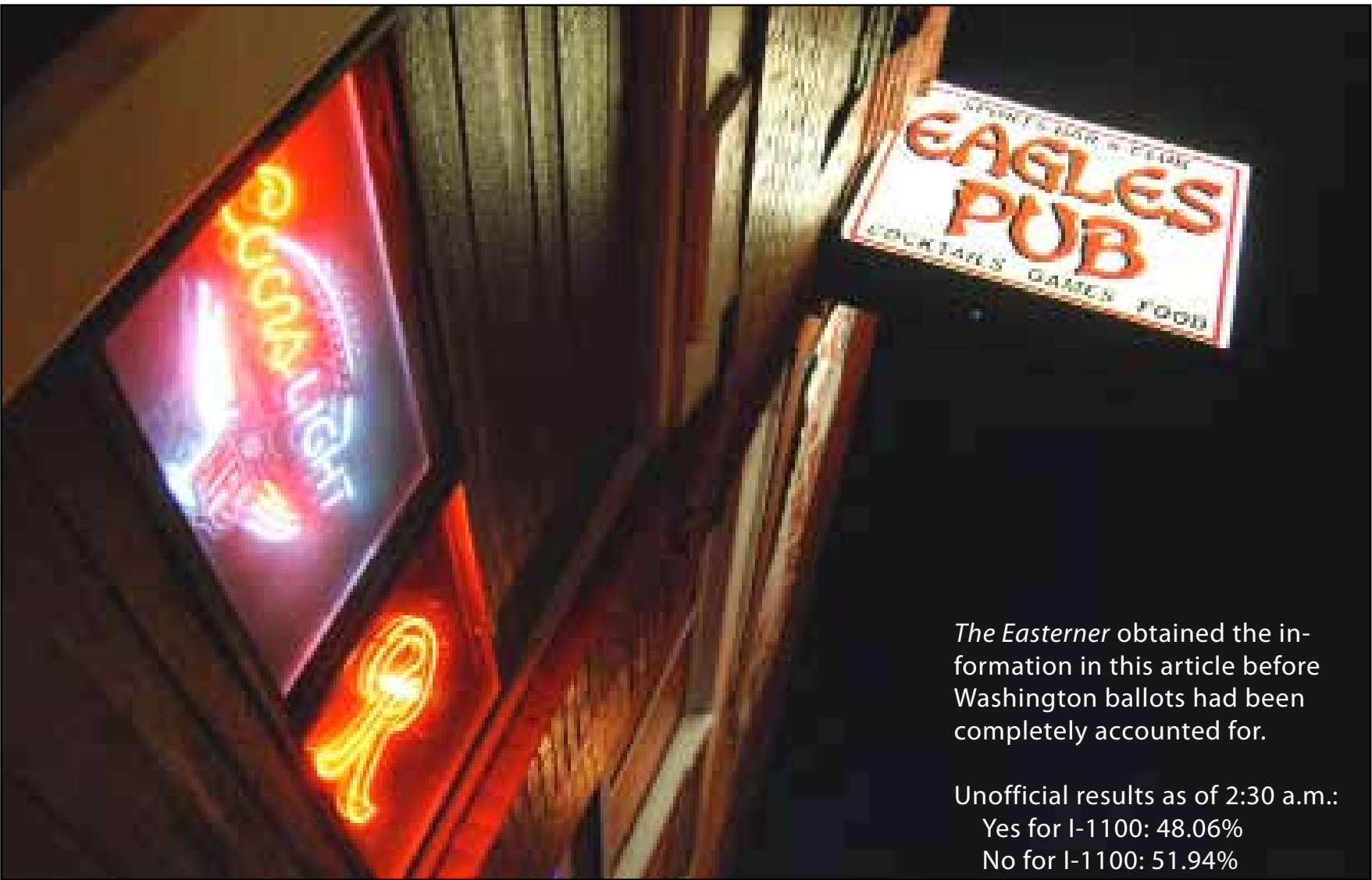
A couple of years ago two teenage girls in North Idaho cut off some guy and flipped him off. The guy ran them off the road and shot them both. While I may be an aggressive driver and have slight road rage, I am confident neither would cause me to shoot anyone. It's those extreme road-ragers who qualify for stupidity ratings.

The weather is the final item on the *sixwise.com* list. While the weather itself isn't stupid, how people react to it is completely uncalled for. Driving three miles an hour in one inch of snow is both ridiculous and unnecessary. I understand that people driving in snow and ice get nervous, but we live in Cheney. There is bound to be snow, so get used to it.

If the lack of traction is intimidating, snow tires are a quick fix. They may be expensive, but not as expensive as a new car.

Drivers education courses should make it mandatory for students to take an IQ test before obtaining a license, or at least require apparent common sense before allowing every moron behind the wheel of a car.

The views expressed here do not directly reflect the views of The Easterner. The writer can be contacted at easterner.news@gmail.com.



Eagles Pub, a Cheney favorite, says that had the bill passed, the bar wouldn't have been affected.

The Easterner obtained the information in this article before Washington ballots had been completely accounted for.

Unofficial results as of 2:30 a.m.:
Yes for I-1100: 48.06%
No for I-1100: 51.94%

Megan Hopp/Easterner

I-1100 fails, keeping liquor prices the same

After heated debate and a close vote, residents made the decision to maintain state-run liquor stores

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

Students still have to plan two days ahead and should keep saving their pennies to buy liquor.

On Tuesday, Washington voters chose to sustain state-run liquor stores rather than privatize the sales.

If initiative 1100 had passed, Washington stood to lose anywhere between \$76 and \$84 million over the next five years, according to the Secretary of the State's voters' guide.

Local revenues, spread around the state, would have also dropped a combined \$179-192 million.

On the other hand, if the initiative had passed, business

and occupation taxes, as well as liquor license fees, would have raised an estimated \$277 to offset the loss, according to an estimate by State Auditor Brian Sonntag.

Private interests lined up on both sides of the debate, with retail giants, restaurants, and beer and wine industries intent on ensuring the bill passed, while other groups, such as Protect Our Communities, pushed to vote down.

Some local businesses didn't see any real reason behind the opposition, at least on a local level.

"It's really not going to affect Cheney in too many ways. The state of Washington is going to get their sales tax. They're going to get their alcohol tax

whether the liquor store sells it or whether the state place sells it," Eagles Pub owner Mike Hartman said.

Proponents of the measure, including Costco, which has provided 55 percent of the millions raised to support the bill, think that it's not the state's business to sell liquor. The bill would have kept the state Liquor Control Board in what its role "should be," which is enforcing licensing and taxation laws while also preventing alcohol abuse and underage drinking.

Opponents of the bill argued that I-1100 would have resulted in a loss of jobs and revenue as well.

Before the initiative appeared on the ballot, Casey

Williams-Carr, assistant manager of the Cheney liquor store, said, "each store has the choice of either shutting down their store completely, or ... they can have their own private liquor store. But you have to be able to buy all the inventory in the store, which a lot of people won't be able to do. So it's going to lose a lot of jobs." Since the initiative failed, store owners need not worry.

Most important to the opposition, however, was that the initiative would have result in increased social recklessness from drunk driving. To support this claim, the opposition cited studies that showed convenience stores are four times as likely to sell to an underage decoy as a liquor store is.

The state liquor store in Cheney opposed I-1100, as evident by its posted signs.

Hartman says that current laws already provide a safeguard against underage drinking.

"I do not promote underage drinking in any shape, form or size, and I am the first person to think that alcohol should be regulated, but, you know what, [if] they make us be responsible for it, then they should give us the latitude to buy wherever we want to buy," Hartman said.

Since I-1100 did not pass, state liquor stores no longer have to close up shop or become privatized. Partisans on both sides agree on one thing: it would have been easier on Washington consumers' wallets to buy liquor if it passed.

IN BRIEF

from staff reports

Cheney holds development open house

Students with strong feelings about community development can finally get vocal.

Cheney's Planning Commission is hosting an open house Thursday to discuss goals and development near campus, such as plans for Elm Street.

Brian Jennings, the community development director, said that the development will be

mostly commercial, but definite plans have not been solidified.

The direction of the meeting is in development and will take shape based on the issues attendees bring to attention.

Jennings said that campus faculty and staff have always been involved in city development but students really haven't made their voices heard.

He said that the open house is a good way for students to get involved in the area surrounding their campus.

The open house will be in Foyer City Hall on Second Street from 4-6 p.m.

For further information, contact Brett Lucas at blucas@cityofcheney.org or by phone at (509) 498-9240.

KEWU back on the air

EWU's award-winning jazz station, KEWU Jazz 89.5, will install its new transmitter and return to full power in mid-November, according to General Manager Marvin Smith.

The station, which reaches roughly 15,000 listeners per week at full capacity, has been operating at 100 watts for nearly two months while waiting for a new transmitter to be installed. It's going to replace the 25-year-old 10,000 watt transmitter that died early in September.

Program Manager Elizabeth Farriss is excited about being able to bring KEWU back to its full audience.

"It'll be great [to be back]. We've gotten a lot of phone calls from a lot of listeners in the outlying areas kind of freaking out without their KEWU," she said.

The boost back up to 10,000 watts will restore their maximum range to roughly a 65-mile radius,

reaching Sandpoint, Idaho, Pullman, Moses Lake and Silver Valley.

During the transmitter's downtime, not much has changed for the staff in the R-TV building.

"We're still doing the same day-to-day operations. We're just reaching a smaller audience," said Farriss. "We're on the internet 24/7. People can access us that way. Really, nothing has changed, it's just that our signal isn't as strong."

The installation of the new transmitter will come just in time, as the station is about to enter its semi-annual pledge drive in November. Donations from the pledge drive help keep the station on the air.

KEWU is a non-commercial, educational radio station and can be found online at kewu.edu. Volunteers are needed to take donations during the pledge drive; those interested should contact Farriss at 359-2850.

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subjects, including foreign languages, social studies, mathematics and the arts.

Students must also complete the program's three core requirements: an extended essay, a theory of knowledge course, and participation in activities related to creativity, action and service.

Upon finishing the Diploma Programme, students take several written exams and complete assessment tasks within the school.

Diplomas are awarded to students who score at least 24 out of 45 points on the exams.

Each department determines whether the IB classes meet the student's General Education Credit Requirements or major requirements.

For more information on AP classes, visit collegeboard.com. For more information on IB classes, visit ibo.org. For more information about how Eastern handles AP and IB classes, visit the Office of Admissions in Sutton Hall.

Tell us what you think of the AP and IB programs.

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Greenup improves self and others by teaching

Writer's weekly journey enriches minds, expands own education

BY DYLAN COIL
staff writer

Timothy Greenup wakes up each weekday around 7 a.m. so he can catch a bus from Spokane to Cheney. He arrives at his office promptly at 10 a.m. to start his balancing act of being a student and teacher.

Besides educating undergraduates on the basics of English composition, Greenup takes a weekly fiction course and spends the rest of his time reflecting on his graduate thesis.

Mondays for Greenup usually begin in his office. This is where he contemplates which aspect of the English language to teach that week. Starting at noon, Greenup "facilitates discussion" during his composition class Monday through Friday.

"My lesson planning isn't usually super restrictive," said Greenup. "My teaching style can be pretty improvisational."

Greenup, whose creative writing focuses on poetry, said Monday evenings are when his creative juices are flowing strongest. This is when most of his poetry is written.

Working with students proves to be a rewarding experi-

ence for Greenup. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. — 12 p.m., he holds office hours to meet with students and grade assignments.

"I am doing exactly what I want to do in the world right now," said Greenup. "There are kids I am trying to reach out to and change the way they view the world."

Tuesday nights, Greenup meets with his thesis advisor and the pair reviews a selection of about five poems. A graduate thesis in poetry requires students to submit a portfolio of roughly 45 poems to qualify for the degree.

"Usually, I'm pretty jazzed up about stuff we talked about in thesis meetings, so I end up going home and writing a lot more."

On top of his own poetry, Greenup is constantly thinking about ways to improve his lesson plans. The students aren't the only ones learning in Greenup's classroom.

"[Teaching English 201] has taught me about being aware of your audience. Before the grad program, I wasn't thinking about how an audience would react [to my writing]."

Greenup said he spends at least eight hours a day think-



Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Trece Lawson and Jason Dorow (left to right) ask Timothy Greenup about upcoming argument paper.

ing about some form of writing. Teaching undergraduate English classes has improved his own writing dramatically.

Being a teacher and a student was something that took a while to get used to. Reading and writing poetry and essays constantly rack his brain.

Discussions in class are another area where Greenup faces challenges. Because English 201 is a required course and many students enrolled in it have no interest in English, a struggle always exists to engage students who may be stuck in the "high school mindset."

On top of all his work, he still finds time to contribute to Willow Springs, the graduate level literary magazine.

On Friday, Greenup usually can't wait to get back to Spokane and let his thoughts return to normal. Each third Friday, he must meet with the Willow

Springs staff to identify what needs to be done to publish the best writing possible.

"I never feel like there is enough time," said Greenup. "Keeping my priorities in check takes a lot of work, but I am super thankful for the opportunity I have been given."

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Ncell, a mobile phone and internet operator based in Nepal, successfully set up a 3G mobile network service base station at the bottom of Mount Everest.

MORON OF THE WEEK



After partying all weekend, Jan Bredenhand, a lion ranch employee in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, climbed into the lion enclosure. According to a witness, he was fatally mauled after taunting the lions.

Frequent fire alarms make long, late nights

BY KRISTIE HSN
contributing writer

It's past midnight and the fire alarm just went off ... again. Now, sleep deprived, I'm sure my 8 a.m. test will not go well.

If you're living, or have lived, in the residence halls, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Late night fire alarms, usually more than once a night, have been frustrating for years.

Take a step back to when everyone was standing outside, decked out in shorts and Uggs, and see how it could have been prevented.

Not everyone can be a modern version of Gordon Ramsay, and not all of us have the common sense we should have, but we all know that popcorn pops in under five minutes.

There is a big difference between an accident and being stupid. A blow dryer sparking can be considered an accident, leaving a pot of boiling pasta while you run downstairs to check your mail is stupid.

If you don't know how long it takes to make popcorn, try the popcorn button!

It's important to know how long you're supposed to cook or bake something, and if you're not sure — read the instructions!

We're in college and living on our own. We don't need to rely on mommy to turn off the appliances.

Kitchens placed on every floor are made for the occasional Top Ramen and grilled cheese, but let's remember that they are tiny and sensitive to smoke.

Any fire alarms that go off before 10 p.m. are usually scheduled to practice exiting the building quickly and safely.

Most residents tend to blame all unplanned, late night alarms on "technical difficulties" when they should blame them on their neighbors.

I'm certainly sick of waking up, alarmed, to walk into the cold while those awake in Dressler laugh out the windows.

People in the dorms should really consider knowing how long they're supposed to cook something, both in the microwave and on the stove. Unplanned fire alarms are not how I want to remember my nights in Pearce.

Working harder for less tuition

BY KYLE HARDING
contributing writer

Paying for college sucks. I owe Eastern \$1,200 and need to pay before I can register for winter quarter. How nice it would be if college was free.

Unfortunately, everything costs money. You may believe you are entitled to a free education, but all of that money has to come from somewhere. The government is not an entity that creates money. Every time the government pays for something the money comes from regular people like you and me (or, more likely, your parents).

If you are an American citizen, you are entitled to a lot of things. You have rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Just because something is a right doesn't mean you are entitled to have other Americans pay.

You are entitled to free expression, but not to a taxpayer-subsidized printing press, internet connection or bullhorn. You have a right to bear arms, but are not entitled to a government-provided AR-15. You have a right to get an education, but are not entitled to have the public pay your tuition.

There is a lot of taxpayer money available right now for higher education. You

have to look for it, and in some cases, work for it. It is unfortunate that middle-class kids get screwed by FAFSA and their parents can't afford to pay tuition. On top of that, part-time employment is hard for students to find in the current economic climate.

Many students are at Eastern on various state and federally funded grants and scholarships. Maybe the financial aid system should be revamped to give aid to students who try hard to succeed, and not just based solely on financial need. Saying that tax money should flat-out pay for everybody's tuition is unrealistic.

Think about your high school. If you went to public high school, it was free.

Go back to that time and think about the attitude of most students. Were they motivated to do well? Most students in my school were not.

If it was free, students would graduate high school and go straight to college. How many of them would treat college as an extension of high school because it's free?

College may be a fun place to screw around, but none of us want a bunch of people screwing around on our dime.

Other countries provide undergraduate education. France and Ireland are com-

"You are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. 'Pursuit' implies that you have to work for it."

— Kyle Harding

monly cited. Unfortunately, those countries are broke, more broke than the U.S.

In today's economy, is it reasonable to ask everybody else to pay your tuition, and force our country deeper into debt because you feel it should be free?

Education is important, and we all want our fellow countrymen to be smart. College does not necessarily make you smart, and making college free will not necessarily make for a smarter populace.

Just because it indirectly benefits my neighbor if I get my degree, should he be required to pay the bill?

You are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. "Pursuit" implies that you have to work for it. Stop expecting people to foot the bill for you.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



On the road to more government control

BY RITUPARNA BASU
the undercurrent (MCT)

A California county recently banned fast-food restaurants from including toys in their kids' meals. The goal of this new ban is to reduce rampant obesity in today's youth by breaking "the link between unhealthy food and prizes." On the face of it, the effects of this ban seem trivial: so what if there are no longer any toys with meals?

But however petty this law may seem at first glance, its implications are anything but.

If we accept the underlying premise of this ban, that it is proper for the government to outlaw practices with which it disagrees in the name of what's "best" for us, then the debate is no longer about whether the government should control our lives; it is merely a question of how much.

Our lives are comprised of a constant series of decisions, ranging from the foods we should eat to the careers we pursue to the relationships we choose to have — any number of which it might be asked: is that a healthy choice? Is that really best for you? If we accept that it is the government, and not we as individuals, who decide the answers to these questions, there is no logical end to how intrusive the government may become in order to purportedly protect us or our children from obesity or any other

real or alleged harm.

If kids' meals should not include toys, then maybe McDonald's should be banned from having playgrounds because these might attract children to eat there. Or maybe the company's mascot, Ronald McDonald, should be banned because he appeals to children. Or perhaps fast food restaurants should not be allowed to paint their exteriors with bright, cheerful colors but instead must look drab (like cigarette cartons and ads are forced to do). And maybe banning fast food restaurants in general would be a good idea since they're not healthy for anyone, as has already been done in other California towns.

The logical consequence of banning toys in kids' meals is the government's ever-increasing control over what foods a restaurant can sell, how it can sell them, and what we as consumers can eat. This means that someone who usually eats healthy foods but likes to occasionally bite into a juicy cheeseburger may no longer have the choice to decide whether he can do so. This decision will be left up to the government. Or a mom who on occasion purchases kids' meals for her child for the convenience of an easy and quick bite may no longer have the luxury of deciding to pursue that option. Uncle Sam will decide what any parent feeds his child.

But if these predictions seem too speculative, remember that the laws of today

were the parodies of yesterday. Back in 1994, many people thought it was absurd for tobacco companies to argue that anti-smoking legislation opened the door to regulation of food. Sixteen years later, here we are. Where will we be in 2026? Once a legal principle is established and increasingly entrenched — as this law will further entrench the principle that government should control our food choices — history shows us that the implications of such a principle will be carried out over time.

This nation was rightly founded on the premise that we have the right to exercise our own choices, even when our decisions might be mistaken or when others disagree. If companies want to offer toys with their kids' meals, even if these meals may be considered unhealthy, they should be free to do so.

Likewise, parents should be free to decide whether they want to purchase such meals for their children. And of course, those that oppose such practices should be free to advocate their opposition.

What the fast-food toy ban does instead is sidestep all of these freedoms and paternalistically impose a course of action on law-abiding Americans. Our government should not be making these choices for us under the ostensible goal of doing what is in our "best" interest.

We should be able to decide that for ourselves.

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Alumni reminisce over microbrews

Beer sampling brings former students together for drinks and snacks to commemorate Eastern pride

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

Eastern alumni can reminisce about their time as Eagles and catch up courtesy of the annual EWU Alumni Beer Sampling.

This year, the beer sampling will be held in the Monroe Ballroom at The Lincoln Center, located in downtown Spokane Friday, Nov. 5.

Advertised as a casual event full of Eastern pride, tasty food and various microbrews, the event will also feature sliders and appetizers.

Attendees can park in the Lincoln Center parking lot, though overflow parking will be available in the Music City lot located across the street.

Tickets are \$25, which includes six microbrew samples, appetizers and a commemorative beer mug.

According to the organization's website, "The Eastern Washington University Alumni Association is a volunteer-driven, non-dues paying, non-profit organization."

The Alumni Association shall endeavor to promote an enduring legacy of pride, loyalty, and commitment to EWU and to facilitate meaningful relationships between Eastern Washington University and its constituencies."

For those interested in more information on the annual beer sampling or the Alumni Association, visit alumni.ewu.edu.



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A MODEST PROPOSAL



Commuter program turns campus green

"Going green" is a concept popping up all over the nation. But with many campuses stuck in the deliberation stage, it looks like the process to become eco-friendly is hindered by all talk and no action.

Recently, the Gwynedd-Mercy College in Pennsylvania partnered with the U Car Share program in an effort to implement a more cost effective and environmentally friendly lifestyle.

The program is currently one of the leading car services offered, providing two vehicles 24/7 to universities to grant students and faculty alternatives to driving their own cars. The vehicles are kept in convenient locations such as residence halls and other highly trafficked areas.

Offering some of the lowest prices in the car service industry, the car share program's flex-rate system enables users to access their services without the stress of overpaying for mileage. Rates typically cost \$0.49 per mile or \$4.95 per hour.

Eastern has since implemented the Star Commuter program that rewards employees who use alternative modes of transportation 75 percent of every month for three consecutive months.

Although EWU is rewarding "green" employees, currently no commute programs are available for students.

Whether Eastern will implement new green policies is unknown. A lack of student interest is likely the cause for the slow start on the commuter program.

Perhaps Eastern should take a page out of Gwynedd-Mercy College's book and look into the car share program and other tactics to entice student involvement. It may be the platform Eastern needs to turn "going green" into more than just a concept.

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'Lend Me a Tenor' promises to be side-splitting

A farce-style comedy showcases Eastern drama students' talents in a series of unfortunate events

BY MELISSA GREN
staff writer

This fall, the EWU theater program is producing "Lend Me a Tenor," a farce written by Ken Ludwig.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is about Tito Morelli, a world famous opera singer. He is to perform his greatest role ever as Othello but arrives too late to rehearse with the company. Through a series of hilarious events, Morelli is given a double dose of

tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, and his assistant, Max, believe he is dead.

Since Max is an aspiring opera singer, Saunders convinces him to put on Morelli's Othello costume and pretend he is Morelli. Max succeeds, but Morelli wakes up and gets into his spare costume.

Now, two Morelli's are running around in costume and

two women in lingerie are running around thinking they are with Morelli.

Sara Goff, director of "Lend Me a Tenor" and assistant professor in the theater program, said the production will be "hysterically funny and gut laughing."

"It's a chance to escape and have a great time," said Goff. "The audience will laugh."

The cast includes theater majors Chailee Friant, Ralnee Palmer, Bryn Butler, Ashley

James, Alicia Uecker, Howie Halcomb, Ross Mcrorie and Christopher Kelly.

Farce is a style that takes things we do in life and looks at them through a comic lens.

"Farce is about exaggerated characters, physical comedy, fast dialogue and witty language," said Goff. "This includes going to the bathroom, sex and everyday things."

Goff is excited to open this show. "We haven't done a farce here yet ... and the cast is phenomenal."

"We've been having a blast," said Goff with agreement from the cast.

For more information or for special accommodations, call Jessica Ray at (509) 359-2459. Show information can be acquired at www.ewu.edu/theater.

Meet 'Lend Me a Tenor' cast



Chailee Friant

Role: Maria Morelli

"To be able to be someone you're not is exhilarating."
— Friant



Christopher Kelly

Role: Max

"[The band] The Killers made me want to perform."
— Kelly



Howie Halcomb

"I've always enjoyed the escape of leaving myself and getting into the skin of another person."
— Halcomb



Ralnee Palmer

Role: Diana

"I always loved performing for my family, friends and in talent shows."
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Fantasy football has allowed us to feel the pain players experience when they get hurt. Matt Hasselbeck could break his leg and we at home who have him as our starting quarterback will feel the pain ten times worse.

2. Stupidity

We all feel stupid sometimes, but nothing can make you feel worse than when you lose a match to your best friend's girl or your mom.

Sports knowledge is a sense of pride for males, so when a woman trumps us in any way, shape or form, it knocks us to our knees.

So ladies, please let us win the battle of sports; you can have everything else.

3. Embarrassment

It can be tough filling out a 10- or 12-man fantasy league, so sometimes you have to choose the friend who knows jack about football. Easy money right?

It happens every year. One guy who thinks he can shoot a field goal with the bases loaded will kick ass on a weekly basis. Whether he goes on a scoring rampage or picks up the best waiver claim, he will leave everyone feeling like they peed themselves in middle school.

4. Bragging rights

Nothing in the world is better than 12 months of bragging rights with your closest drinking buddies. Constant trash talking is a must when you win your fantasy league. Don't cut your friends any slack. Rub it in their faces when you spend your prize money.

Enjoy the moment, because next season, Romo could happen to you.

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Cliff Colimon dribbles past a defender in Eastern's loss to Seattle Pacific last night. He finished with 19 points.

Men drop exhibition game

Banchero scores 38 points for SPU

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

The EWU men's basketball team opened the season on Reese Court with an 87-82 loss to Seattle Pacific University.

A poorly played first half doomed the Eagles, as the team looked every bit like a team playing their first game together.

Seattle Pacific point guard Chris Banchero ran up, around and through EWU defense all night. He wore out an out-manned Eagles backcourt that was down to just two available guards for the game. Banchero

finished the game with 38 points, making 11-of-19 shots and 12-of-15 free throws.

Junior college transfer Cliff Colimon epitomized the Eagles' rough start by missing his first seven shots from the floor. The rest of the EWU offense didn't fare much better in the first half, knocking down just 12 of their 29 shots.

Head Coach Kirk Earlywine was most upset with his team's defensive effort in the first half.

"If we'd have come out and played really hard defensively

in the first half and run out of gas, I could live with that. But they shot 62 percent — I think it was 66 percent in the first half. I'm just not sure that I've impressed upon the new guys how hard you have to play; how much of a focus you have to have every day ... I guess that's why you play these games," Earlywine said.

The only effective player in the first half was Tremayne Johnson, another junior college transfer, who led the team with 22 points. He made each of his five shots to help keep EWU within 10 points at halftime.

Eastern had a 21-7 scoring run to pull within three points,

but Banchero ensured that the EWU rally would go for naught as he hit a 3-pointer, sparking the start of a Seattle Pacific rally that ultimately finished Eastern.

"It was good for Cliff Colimon to get that many minutes," said Earlywine. "We had to put a whole lot on Tremayne Johnson's shoulders tonight on both ends of the floor. Offensively, he found his way to the basket, shot a high percentage and made his free throws. There were some good things."

With six players out injured last night, the Eagles look to bounce back against Montana State-Billings Nov. 8 on Reese Court.

King leads men to fifth place at Championships

Kolin helps women grab seventh place in Big Sky

BY COLIN ANCEL
staff writer

EWU hosted the 2010 Men and Women's Big Sky Cross-Country Championship at Fairways Golf Course in Cheney. EWU's men finished fifth overall and the women finished seventh.

Junior Kyle King and senior captain Bowe Ebding propelled the men's team to 137 points, only three behind Sacramento State University. For the women, senior Amy Kolin, a transfer student from Ypsilanti, Mich., led the Eastern women to a 197 team point finish.

King had a strong showing, finishing fourth overall despite spending much of the season sick with mononucleosis.

"I think his late start has been a real blessing. He has come along exactly the way you want a runner to do in the cross-country season," said Head Coach Chris Zeller in an interview with goeags.com.

King stayed in third place for the majority of the race before falling to fourth at the last second to Patrick Casey from Montana State University. King finished with a time of 22 minutes, 10.14 seconds.

"It was an awesome race. I felt great the whole time. We had so many people cheering for us here. I just had an adrenaline rush



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Kyle King crosses the finish line.

the whole time. It was by far the loudest race I've ever been at," King said.

Ebding also ran strong for the Eagles, finishing 16th with a time of 23:07.87.

Kolin led the women's team with a fifth place overall finish on a shorter 5,000-meter race.

"I feel pretty good right now. It was a really good race. It felt fast, but I feel, like, as a team, we did very well today. Everybody is excited right now. Having the race at home and just feeding off that positive energy feels so great right now," Kolin said after the race.

Despite the chilly atmosphere, EWU fans did not disappoint. Ready to support their school, fans showed up in face paint holding signs with the runners' faces.

"It was crazy. People have been painted up, we have the whole track team here, and they have people's faces on sticks, and it's just a cool thing to see all of this support," Kolin said.

Northern Arizona University finished in first place for the men, as David McNeill finished first with a time of 21:28.07 and Diego Estrada finished second with 21:30.65. The two runners finished a full 39 seconds ahead of Casey. In the final men's standings, five runners in the top ten were from Northern Arizona.

When asked about his thoughts on the Championship, King was all smiles.

"I feel so stoked right now; it's hard to feel anything else right now other than great," he said.

The University of Montana took the women's championship with a first place finish by runner Katrina Dennen with a time of 15:51.80.

The final standings for the men are as follows: Northern Arizona, 27 points; Montana State, 56; Weber State, 99; Sacramento State, 134; EWU, 137; Idaho State, 151; Portland State, 166; Montana, 193 and Northern Colorado, 250.

For the women, the University of Montana finished first with 49 points, followed by Weber State, 63; Idaho State, 68; Sacramento State, 105; Northern Arizona, 124; Montana State, 168; EWU, 197; Portland State, 213 and Northern Colorado, 237.

EWU Sports IN BRIEF

from staff reports

Football handles Vikings

The Eagles football team put together their best game of the season, taking sole possession of the Big Sky Conference lead with a dominating 50-17 win over Portland State University in Hillsboro, Ore.

Less than three minutes into the game, running back Taiwan Jones capped off a seven-play, 66-yard drive with a 2-yard scamper to the left, putting the Eagles in the lead by a touchdown.



The second quarter belonged to Jones, who scored all of the Eagles' points of the period, breaking off 71- and 65-yard touchdown runs. The star running back finished the day with 199 yards on just 14 carries, good for a 14.2 yard average.

With the Vikings desperately trying to get back into the game, safety Matt Johnson stopped Portland State quarterback Tygue Howland for a loss on fourth down. And after an EWU field goal, safety Will Edge picked off a Howland pass and returned it 49 yards, setting up the Eagles' penultimate touchdown.

EWU has a bye week as they prepare to welcome Southern Utah (5-4) to The Inferno Nov. 13.

Volleyball owns Montana

With the help of senior blocker Chenoa Coviare, EWU defeated Montana State University and the University of Montana over the weekend by scores of 3-0 and 3-2, respectively.

EWU held Montana State to an abysmal .072 hitting percentage while recording ten blocks as a team.

The Eagles held Montana State to an abysmal .072 hitting percentage on the night while recording ten blocks as a team.

Coviare, sophomore outside hitter Shelby Puckett, and senior outside hitter Alysha Cook, combined for 31 of 40 kills and a .341 hitting percentage.



The Eagles finished with a season high 73 kills and 108 digs against Montana. Puckett led the way with 21 kills. Coviare and Jacque Brown had 13 kills apiece. Junior libero Lindsey Petroni had 29 digs in the match, leading all Eagle women.

Eastern is now fifth in the Big Sky Conference with a 6-6 record.

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EASTERNER'S GUIDE TO BASIC HOCKEY RULES

FACE-OFFS

One player from each team battles for possession of the puck as the referee drops it on the ice. Think of it as hockey's version of a jump ball in basketball.

ICING

A defensive player clears the puck past the opposing team's net without one of their teammates touching it past center ice.

OFFSIDES

When an offensive player crosses the blue three-fourths rink line before the puck does.

PUCK THAT

The goalie covers the puck and stops play.

SUIT UP

In college play, each team can suit up 21 players with six players on the ice, which usually includes one center, two wingers, two defenseman and a goalie.

SUB OUT

There is no pause in the game for substitutions and there is no limit on the amount of substitutions in a game.

TIME ME

There are three 20 minute periods with a four-on-four overtime period if necessary.

RESET IT

Hockey often goes uninterrupted, except for small game resets called face-offs.



THE PENALTY BOX

For all the hooliganism and physicality associated with the game, the collegiate hockey association has defined several penalty rules to keep players in check. Here are a few you may see called at a game:

MINOR PENALTIES: Two minutes in penalty box; power play ends when opponent scores

TRIPPING:

Take a person's feet out from underneath them

ELBOWING:

An elbow to the shoulder or head

INTERFERENCE:

Impeding players' progress to the puck without going for the puck

HOOKING:

Pulling at a player with your hockey stick

SLASHING:

Slapping a player with your hockey stick

MAJOR PENALTIES: Five minutes in penalty box; power play continues even after a goal

CROSS CHECKING:

Hitting a player with your hockey stick while holding it with both hands

SPEARING:

Poking at a player with a hockey stick

HIGH STICKING:

Hitting a player at or above their shoulder pads with a hockey stick

CHECK FROM BEHIND:

Hitting a person who has their back turned to you

AUTOMATIC EJECTIONS:

FIGHTING

KICKING

FLAGRANT SPEARING

LEAVING THE BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION

SWINGING A STICK DURING AN ALTERCATION

SPITTING

Hockey's aggression attracts the fans, experience brings victories

BY SAM STOWERS
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The EWU men's hockey team is charging into the 2010-11 season with a 7-game winning streak.

The Eagles have started the 32-game regular season 8-1. Their latest two wins come at the expense of the Montana State Bobcats, whom they beat in a 2-game series, 8-3 and 9-0.

Eastern's team is ranked third in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division 2 West Conference. They have defeated annual powerhouse San Jose State University and No. 1 ranked Colorado University while making a name for themselves as one of the most physically aggressive and in-your-face teams in the conference.

"This team is actually very intense," said Ryan Schank, third year Eagle veteran and club president. "Some of the best periods we've played so far this year have been when everyone is intense and really into the game."

EWU has a reputation as a physical team, but this year, they are taking it to another level. Left winger Ryan Pajimola has scored six goals in nine games but also has 67 penalty minutes in the season.

"It's a balancing act of keeping the intensity up and not overstepping your bounds. Right now, we're flirting with that line and doing a pretty good job of it. That's one of the reasons we're playing so well," Schank said.

The team keeps their aggression from boiling over into destructive animosity through experience.

Every player has either played on other college teams or competitive amateur teams. Schank has been playing since he was 9 years old.

Head Coach Gary Braun has not only played professionally in various leagues, but he has also helped coach the Spokane Chiefs move toward their Memorial Cup victory in 1991.

Despite being a club sport, the hockey team travels like an NCAA team. They ride on a bus across the Western half of the country, and each year they max out Associated Students of EWU funds.

Schank estimates that each season costs the team more than \$78,000, with each player spending about \$3,000 out of pocket.

This professional attitude toward the sport has translated into wins and a great reception by Eastern students. Last year, the team raked in \$20,000 in ticket sales.

"We sell out quite a bit," said Schank. "A lot of people don't know what hockey is ... but you do have a lot of friends, a lot of family come out, and they help out, explain the rules to new students."

The reception has been so good that the club has started a house team of students who are still learning the game or want to scrimmage recreationally.

"They still have really talented guys on that team, but team fees are a lot less because they don't travel ... It's a little less of a hassle with school," Schank said.

The club team will play University of Idaho Friday at 7:30 in the URC ice rink.

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